

## Braley Announces \$90.1 Million Grant for Iowa Broadband Access

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Washington, DC - Congressman Bruce Braley (D-Iowa) announced today \$90.1 million in Recovery Act funds for Iowa Broadband access. The grants will provide and upgrade internet access to schools, businesses and health care facilities across the state.

"These Recovery Act grants are an investment in Iowa's future," Braley said. "Providing much-needed internet access to rural communities in Iowa will create hundreds of jobs and spur economic development. As Iowans continue to recover from an historic economic disaster, it's important we provide schools, businesses and homes with the tools they need to succeed in an ever changing global marketplace."

The grants will be distributed in Iowa as follows:

Applicant

Amount

Details

Iowa Communications Network

\$16.2 million

Upgrades

an existing 3,000-mile network to provide 10 Gbps-capable points of presence in each county in the state, while upgrading direct high-speed connections for thousands of community institutions, benefits over 4,500 community institutions and creates 100 jobs

Iowa Health System

\$17.2 million

#### Upgrades

and enhances the health system's existing fiber network that provides connections to over 200 healthcare facilities, as well as facilitates more access to broadband service for residents and businesses statewide, benefits 1.7 million people, 135,000 businesses and 1,800 other community institutions and creates 100 jobs

The Farmer's Telephone  
Company of Riceville, Iowa

\$18.7 million

#### Allows

greater than 20Mbps broadband access to the exchange areas of: Little Cedar, New Haven, Plymouth, Riceville, Marble Rock, Greene, St. Ansgar and Stacyville, Iowa, benefits 8,500 people, 148 businesses and 22 other community institutions and creates 250 jobs

Grand River Mutual  
Telephone Corporation

\$20.3 million

Provides

broadband service to the towns of Corydon, Millerton, Allerton, and Lineville, Iowa; and Powersville, Missouri and their surrounding rural areas, benefits 5,200 people, 339 businesses and 36 community institutions

Grand River Mutual  
Telephone Corporation

\$9.3 million

Provides

broadband service to the towns of Lorimor, Murray, and Thater, Iowa, and their surrounding rural areas via a FTTH network, benefits 2,800 people, 498 businesses and 10 community institutions

Ellsworth Cooperative  
Telephone Association

\$5.3 million

Provides

high speed Internet service in the communities of Ellsworth and Garden City, Iowa, and their surrounding rural areas via a FTTH network, benefits 1,300 people, 305 businesses and 8 other community institutions

Breda Telephone Corporation

\$2.6 million

Upgrades

two of seven rural exchanges in west central Iowa with FTTP broadband, allows high speed Internet and video services to reach all of the customers in the Breda and

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exchanges, benefits 1,600 people, 77 businesses and 3 community institutions

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